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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three-months in which to file an Appeal Brief. The Notice of Appeal was received by the Patent Office on August 31, 2005, as indicated by a stamped postcard. This request for a three-month extension of time and associated filing fee brings the due date for filing the enclosed Appeal Brief to January 31, 2006.

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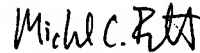
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